

Dilip Nunisa caught smuggling rare reptile



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Dilip Nunisa, former Chairman of the DHD (NUNISA), once a dreaded Militant organisation of Dima Hasao was caught in Guwahati on August 14, along with others in case of smuggling a rare reptile called the "TOKEY GECKO" lizard.

The former militant turned politician Nunisa was found carrying the TOKEY GECKO reptile in his car while on his way to Haflong, accompanied by his body guards. He was believed to be involved making deals for smuggling the reptile. In this connection a group of five people were caught, while one had managed to escape.

"This particular reptile is a threatened species and is being protected under wild life act. There are beliefs among people that medicines prepared from this reptile can cure aids and cancer, but however scientific research does not prove that", said L R Bishnoi, IGP, Central western Range, Assam Police.

Police also seized 15 numbers of mobile phones from the arrested persons. Police official says that such reptiles are being smuggled to South China, Myanmar, from Assam, and also from Mizoram. "The domestic market price of this lizard is around Rs.40,000 to 50,000 and in the international markets the price is Rs. 2 to 4 lac" adds Bishnoi.

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